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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Patent No. 7,569,542 : DECISION ON REQUEST
Eckert et al. : FOR
Issue Date: August 4, 2009 : RECONSIDERATION OF
Application No. 10/706,391 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Filed: November 12, 2003 : and
Atty Docket No.02307K-186431US: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE
: CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

This is a decision on the petition filed on September 29, 2009, which is being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.705(d) requesting that the patent term adjustment indicated on the above-identified patent be corrected to indicate that the term of the above-identified patent is extended or adjusted by **four hundred eighty-two (482) days**.

The petition to correct the patent term adjustment indicated on the above-identified patent is **GRANTED to the extent indicated herein**. The patent term adjustment is corrected to indicate that the term of the above-identified patent is extended or adjusted by **four hundred eighty-one (481) days**.

As the period from the filing date of the request for continued examination (RCE) to the issue date of the patent is not included in the "B" delay period, the over three year period begins on November 13, 2006 and ends on February 21, 2008, the day *before* the RCE was filed. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B)(i). Thus, the over 3 year period is 466 not 467 days. Thus, the patent term adjustment is increased to 481 days. (The 116 days entered at issuance for B delay has been removed and the period of adjustment of 466 days entered).

The Office will *sua sponte* issue a certificate of correction. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.322, the Office will not issue a certificate of correction without first providing assignee or patentee an opportunity to be heard. Accordingly, patentees are given **one (1) month or thirty (30) days**, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this decision to respond. No extensions of time will be granted under § 1.136.

Nothing in this decision shall be construed as a waiver of the requirement of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(4) that any civil action by an applicant dissatisfied with a determination made by the Director under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(3) be filed in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia within 180 days after the grant of the patent.

The Office acknowledges submission of the \$200.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(e). No additional fees are required.

The application is being forwarded to the Certificates of Branch for issuance of a certificate of correction. The Office will issue a certificate of correction indicating that the term of the above-identified patent is extended or adjusted by **four hundred eighty-one (481) days**.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.



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Enclosure: Copy of DRAFT Certificate of Correction

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT : 7,569,542 B2

DATED : August 4, 2009

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INVENTOR(S) : Eckert et al.

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the cover page,

[*] Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 USC 154(b) by 131 days

Delete the phrase "by 131 days" and insert – by 481 days--